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Approximately two days prior to General Wedemeyer's arrival in Peiping on 1 August 1947, four Chinese Communist agents were dispatched from the Chinese Communists' Chin-Ch'a-Chi Headquarters at Fouping [114-12, 38-52] to Peiping to observe and report the General's movements and degree of success with his mission. The following, the joint efforts of the four agents, is their report to their headquarters; it was written on 4 August, directly after the General's departure from Peiping:

"As the purpose of General Wedemeyer's visit to China is a fact-finding one, he would necessarily have to visit various areas in China in order to discover the real conditions existing in China. As quickly as possible the Nationalist Government began making preparations for these visits. It dispatched to North China and Manchuria important secret-service workers, such as XU Pin (Archbishop Paul Yupin 于斌) and JEN (任), Deputy-Chief of the Bureau of Investigation and Statistics (Second Section, Ministry of National Defense), and several others to take, in advance, appropriate measures in order to be able to misrepresent the facts to the Wedemeyer Mission. Needless to say, all newspapers and periodicals were instructed to publish only those editorials and articles favorable to the National Government. The Government even succeeded in enlisting the services of scholars and socially prominent people such as Dr. HU Shih, Dr. MEI Yi-chi (梅贻琦) and others. In this way it has tried to ensnare General Wedemeyer in the net of its propaganda. It has even used the names of organizations, such as the Catholic Church and various 'refugee' groups, to convince General Wedemeyer of the truth of its arguments. Consequently, most of the data collected by the General and his mission have stressed the following two points: (1) The Chinese Communists are definitely in league with the USSR, and (2) the Chinese Communists are daily committing atrocities against the people in the Communist areas. The Nationalist Government will stop spreading such propaganda only when it has fully convinced the General of the validity of these two points. Another of the Government's schemes is to deluge the General with as many of its own arguments as possible so that the opinions of groups of teachers and of the general public will represent only a very small percentage of all the data collected by General Wedemeyer. The Government's real motive is to influence American policy which General Wedemeyer is now helping to shape.

"The Government is also taking advantage of the General's visit to China to attack all UNRRA and American personnel in China who are unsympathetic to the Nationalist Government, in the hope that these people will be replaced by others more favorably disposed to the Government. If the Government is successful in accomplishing this objective, it will undoubtedly benefit immeasurably from it."

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